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SUBJECT: RECORD EXPORTS FOR FIRST MONTH OF 1976

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1. TRADE MINISTER BASOL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT TURKISH EXPORTS REACHED \$302 MILLION IN JANUARY 1976, UP 169 PERCENT OVER THE \$112MILLION IN JANUARY 1975. THIS FIGURE ALSO COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1975 WHEN CUMULATIVE EXPORTS WERE \$355 MILLION AND IS ALL-TIME MONTHLY EXPORT RECORD. TOTAL EXPORTS IN 1975 WERE \$1.4 BILLION AND 1976 EXPORTS ARE OFFICIALLY PROJECTED AT \$2.1 BILLION.

2. PRELIMINARY FIGURES INDICATE MAIN GROWTH OVER JANUARY 1975 WAS IN TOBACCO AND COTTON. TOBACCO EXPORTS WERE \$102 MILLION AS OPPOSED TO \$54 MILLION IN JANUARY 1975, AND COTTON EXPORTS WERE \$76 MILLION AS COMPARED TO \$6 MILLION A YEAR AGO.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HESITATES TO PROJECT TREND FROM WHAT MAY BE STATISTICAL ANOMALY. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF CURRENT PRESSURES
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ON TURKEY'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WE BELIEVE THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD

BE OF INTEREST TO VARIOUS WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

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